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**MS: Non-Fee Amendment**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 3, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1 to 27 and 32 to 37.

Further, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, carboxyl-group containing polyester resins having an acid number of from about 25 to about 250 as species of component (b), on which claims 1-10, 14-27 and 32-37 in Group I read.

Applicants submit that the non-elected method claims 28 to 31 of Group II are directed to a method of making the powder coating composition of claim 1. Pursuant to MPEP 821.04, the non-elected method claims 28 to 31 would be rejoined upon allowance of the product claims as each of claims 28 to 31 depends from claim 1 in Group I, i.e., it would include all the limitations of the allowable claim(s) in Group I.

**Listing of claims begins at page 2 of the Response.**